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FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

FOLLOWING ARE THE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR MARCH 31, 1978:

1. MARCOS ON FOREIGN MEDDLING. TO BACK UP HIS CHARGES OF FOREIGN MEDDLING IN THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN, PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT MARCOS HAS NAMED TWO JAPANESE WOMEN AND AGAIN RAISED THE CIA BOGEY. HE ALSO COMPLAINED OF BEING ASKED TO SET FREE AN UNNAMED IMPRISONED OPPOSITION CANDIDATE. (MANILA 5094, CONFIDENTIAL)

2. ETHIOPIA WARNS SOMALIS. IN RESPONSE TO CONTINUING REBEL ACTIVITY IN THE OGADEN AND ERITREA AND TO A RECENT OFFICIAL SOMALI STATEMENT THAT SOMALIA WOULD NOT ABANDON OGADEN GUERRILLAS, THE ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY DECLARED STRONGLY ON MARCH 31 THAT IT WOULD NOT TOLERATE FURTHER  
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PROVOCATIONS. THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT IS REPORTEDLY NOW DEBATING PUNITIVE MILITARY ACTIONS INSIDE SOMALIA. (ADDIS ABABA 1521, CONFIDENTIAL)

3. SIILASVUO ASKS FOR U.S. HELP. GENERAL SIILASVUO, UN COORDINATOR, IS WORRIED ABOUT SOUTHERN LEBANON, AND WANTS U.S. HELP IN OBTAINING FRENCH AND NORWEGIAN REINFORCE-

MENTS, PLO COOPERATION IN TYRE, AND A LEBANESE POLICE  
PRESENCE IN THE SOUTH.(JERUSALEM 948, SECRET/EXDIS)

4. ARGENTINA INCHES BACK TO DEMOCRACY. IN A MUCH-BALLY-  
HOOD SPEECH, ARGENTINA'S PRESIDENT VIDELA HAS PROMISED A  
CHANGE IN THE JUNTA THIS YEAR AND A GRADUAL MOVE TOWARD A  
"STABLE DEMOCRACY" IN WHICH THE ARMED FORCES WILL BE  
ASSURED OF ACTIVE PARTICIPATION. VIDELA DID NOT HOWEVER  
SPELL OUT A TIME FRAME FOR RETURNING THE COUNTRY TO  
DEMOCRATIC RULE. (BUENOS AIRES 2390, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. BARRE REAPPOINTED. PRESIDENT GISCARD HAS NAMED RAYMOND  
BARRE TO SUCCEED HIMSELF AS PRIME MINISTER OF FRANCE.  
(PARIS 10765, CONFIDENTIAL)

6. EAST BERLINER REPORTEDLY REFUSES DRAFT. THE WEST BER-  
LIN PRES" HAS PLAYED UP REPORTS THAT AN EAST BERLINER RE-  
FUSED INDUCTION INTO THE EAST GERMAN ARMY ON THE GROUNDS  
THAT ALL OF BERLIN IS DEMILITARIZED. THE WESTERN ALLIED  
MISSIONS ARE KEEPING THEIR COMMENT TO A MINIMUM. (U.S.  
MISSION BERLIN 730, CONFIDENTIAL)

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